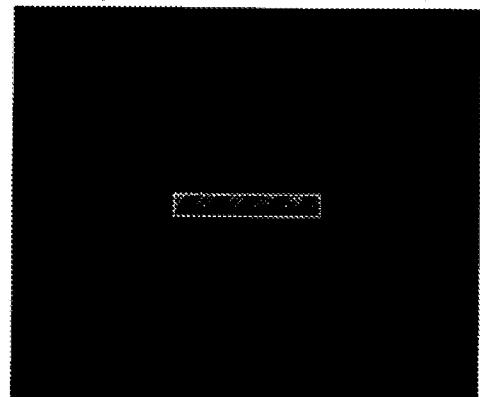


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Definition of HAND

- 1 a (1) : the terminal part of the vertebrate forelimb when modified (as in humans) as a grasping organ (2) : the forelimb segment (as the terminal section of a bird's wing) of a vertebrate higher than the fishes that corresponds to the hand irrespective of its form or functional specialization
b : a part serving the function of or resembling a hand: as (1) : the hind foot of an ape (2) : the chela of a crustacean
c : something resembling a hand: as (1) : an indicator or pointer on a dial *<the hands of a clock>* (2) : INDEX 5 (3) : a cluster of bananas developed from a single flower group (4) : a branched rootstock of ginger (5) : a bunch of large leaves (as of tobacco) tied together usually with another leaf
- 2 a : personal possession —usually used in plural *<the documents fell into the hands of the enemy>*
b : CONTROL, SUPERVISION —usually used in plural *<left the matter in her hands>*
- 3 a : SIDE, DIRECTION *<men fighting on either hand>*
b : one of two sides or aspects of an issue or argument *<on the one hand we can appeal for peace, and on the other, declare war>*
- 4 : a pledge especially of betrothal or bestowal in marriage
- 5 a : style of penmanship : HANDWRITING *<wrote in a fancy hand>*
b : SIGNATURE
- 6 a : SKILL, ABILITY *<tried her hand at sailing>*
b : an instrumental part *<had a hand in the victory>*

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7 : a unit of measure equal to 4 inches (10.2 centimeters) used especially for the height of horses

8 **a** : assistance or aid especially involving physical effort <lend a *hand*>

b : PARTICIPATION, INTEREST <had no *hand* in the decision>

c : a round of applause

9 **a** (1) : a player in a card game or board game (2) : the cards or pieces held by a player

b : a single round in a game

c : the force or solidity of one's position (as in negotiations) <trying to strengthen their *hand*>

10 **a** : a person who performs or executes a particular work <two portraits by the same *hand*>

b (1) : a person employed at manual labor or general tasks <a ranch *hand*> (2) : WORKER, EMPLOYEE <employed over a hundred *hands*>

c : a member of a ship's crew <all *hands* on deck>

d : a person skilled in a particular action or pursuit

e : a specialist or veteran in a usually designated activity or region <a China *hand*>

11 **a** : HANDIWORK, DOINGS

b : style of execution : WORKMANSHIP <the *hand* of a master>

c : the feel of or tactile reaction to something (as silk or leather)

12 : a punch made with a specified hand <knocked him out with a good right *hand*>

— **at hand**

1 : near in time or place : within reach <use whatever ingredients are *at hand*>

2 : currently receiving or deserving attention <the business *at hand*>

— **at the hands of** also **at the hand of**

— by or through the action of

— **by hand**

1 : with the hands or a hand-worked implement (as a tool or pen) rather than with a machine

2 : from one individual directly to another <deliver the document *by hand*>

— **in hand**

1 : in one's possession or control <had matters well *in hand*> <with money *in hand*>

2 : in preparation

3 : under consideration

— **on all hands** or **on every hand**

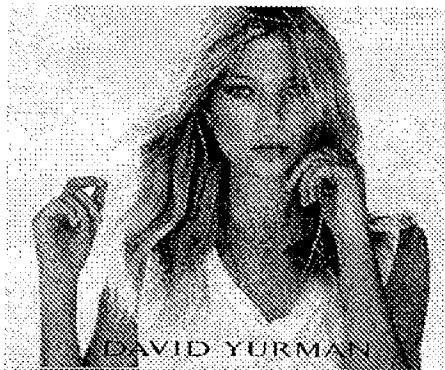
— EVERYWHERE

— **on hand**

1 : in present possession or readily available <kept supplies *on hand*>

2 : about to appear : PENDING

3 : in attendance : PRESENT



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— **on one's hands**

: in one's possession or care <too much time on my hands>

— **out of hand**

1 : without delay or deliberation; also : in a summary or peremptory manner <rejected the plan *out of hand*>

2 : done with : FINISHED

3 : out of control

4 : with the hands <fruit eaten *out of hand*>

— **to hand**

1 : into possession <the letter ... has come to *hand* — George Washington>

2 : within reach

☞ See *hand* defined for English-language learners »

Examples of HAND

These gloves will keep your *hands* warm.

She put her *hands* over her eyes.

He sat quietly with his *hands* folded in his lap.

Do you need a *hand*?

Origin of HAND

Middle English, from Old English; akin to Old High German *hant* hand

First Known Use: before 12th century

Related to HAND

Synonyms: angle, facet, aspect, phase, side

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